



From the Principal's Desk

As the first term draws to a close it is unbelievable how fast it has gone and how many things we have experienced!

As well as ten weeks of learning, a snap lockdown, the Swimming Carnival, the opening of the new STEAM Pavilion (the first stage of our new build), the harvest and bottling our first ever vintage of wine (ready for purchase in mid-2022!) and concluding with a fund-raiser, Easter Scavenger Hunt organised by the SRC.

Well done to all of our students for completing a consistent term of work, the first in nearly 18 months. We have seen many students showing the effects of a such a long and intense term.

A reminder that this term finishes at **2:30pm Thursday April 1st**. As always, we wish every member of our school community a safe and well deserved break. We hope you can find time to spend with loved ones, revived and ready for Term 2, and most importantly return to us safely. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed on Monday 19th April.

Scott Tully | Principal



Key Dates

Thursday 1st April

Last Day Term One
2.30pm Finish

Monday 19th April
First Day Term Two

Monday 19th April to
Wednesday 21st April
Year 7 Phillip Island Camp

Sunday 25th April
ANZAC Day

Thursday 29th April
UYSC Information Evening
UYSC Theatre 6.45pm

Wednesday 9th June
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10.00am - 1.15pm

Monday 14th June
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 11th June
Presentation Ball

Friday 18th June
Presentation Ball

Friday 25th June
Last Day of Term Two



Warburton
Yarra Junction

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

...recognising excellence.



For consistently contributing to class discussions and completing all work to a high standard:

LUKA MACKENZIE

Year 7



For showing excellence in her classes and demonstrating resilience:

MATILDA TILLEY

Year 8



For demonstrating excellence by always working to the best of her ability:

JACINTA TAIT

Year 9



For taking responsibility during a Shakespeare lesson and showing excellence in his fast tracking subject:

COOPER ALLUM

Year 10



For an excellent start to VCE, responsibly managing the requirements of his classes:

ASHLEY PITMAN

Year 11



For outstanding efforts in her subjects and completing additional work to develop her skills:

ISABELLE NIGHTINGALE

Year 12

UYSC Vineyard Harvest



On 3rd March the Certificate II in Winery Industry Operations class participated in the inaugural harvest of our Pinot Noir grapes. The vineyard was established three years ago.

It was a very busy day and a few Year 8 and 9 students also assisted with harvesting, and clearing all the rows. 4000kg of grapes were harvested and transferred from a tractor into big bins. They were then transported to Yarrawood Estate to begin the wine making process. Our harvest will produce over 5330 bottles of Pinot Noir table wine.

A large media presence joined us, taking photos and conducting interviews about the whole process and the impressive fact that UYSC is the only public school in Victoria that has their own vineyard.

We finished the day by providing a BBQ lunch which was very rewarding for all the work we achieved. We then packed up and reviewed the day's proceedings. We talked about the new things we had learned and what were the highlights.

Miesha Hansford Yr 10



I enjoyed cutting grapes, being outside, and talking to new people

Jasmyn Hay Yr 12



I enjoyed watching the tractor move the bins of grapes

Zach Lawton Yr 12



We were harvesting the grapes and the media came out to see what we were doing. I talked to one of the camera men and someone from The Age newspaper. I also enjoyed the BBQ at the end.

Taysia Reihana Yr 11



I liked the camera man, he was a good bloke. Getting an article in the newspaper. Seeing all the grapes we picked and it was good to see Yarrawood Estate come and visit.

Jake Wiffen Yr 11



We harvested the grapes and talked to journalists and Box Hill Institute staff. I talked to The Age journalist and I enjoyed cutting grapes, being outside and getting to know and talk to new people.

Kayley Brewington Yr 12



It was a good day harvesting the grapes. I found being interviewed very interesting. I enjoyed being outside listening to music while we were picking the grapes.

Laine Berg Yr 10



We harvested all the grapes while the tractor came along and put them into big bins. There was a lot of media present such as The Age, Box Hill Institute, and Star Mail. They interviewed us and asked us about the course. I enjoyed being outside with my friends listening to music picking the grapes.

Miesha Hansford Yr 10



Wilsons Promontory Hike

The Year 12 Outdoor Education Class went to Wilsons Promontory and hiked the Southern Loop, which is a roughly 50km walk. We went on the 2nd to the 5th of March.

We began our trip at Tidal River for the night. Starting early the next morning we tracked 18kms to our next campsite for the night - the picturesque white sandy beaches and sapphire blue waters of Little Waterloo Bay. We enjoyed our afternoon recovering by the sea, exploring and taking in the view, which was a few steps away from the campsite.

Taking advantage of a sleep in, we rose much later that day, hiking out of the bay. We hiked approximately 15km, through the wet and muggy terrain. The rain continued throughout the day and we set up at Sealers Cove, which we have been studying. As a group we planned our route out for the following day and learnt more about the area.

Our final day we were feeling sore from our previous walks. We pressed on and completed the Southern Loop as a group.

A big thanks to the teachers that helped out on the trip.

Brodie Lawton & Tamin Crunden Yr 12



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Boxing Classes

Free boxing classes are happening in the UYSC Fitness Studio every Thursday 3:15-4:15pm.

Classes are open to every student at any fitness/skill level. All equipment is supplied and students just need to bring a change of clothes and water bottle.

This is a skills based class with offensive and defensive techniques. NO SPARRING.

Interested?

See Mr Ferris in the Year 9 Office.



CHEFS OF THE WEEK



Year 12 VCAL Update



Kayley Brewington - Certificate II Winery Industry Operations, is working at Finger's apple orchard in Launching Place and has been enjoying her work placement. The thing that she enjoys about her work placement is learning new experiences and being in a good environment.

Hayley Shaw - Certificate III: Child Care, has been helping with the Breakfast Club at UYSC and has been enjoying doing fun activities to do with her TAFE course. The thing that she enjoys about her work placement is being in a friendly environment.



Paige Burns - Certificate II: Animal studies, has been helping with the Breakfast Club at UYSC and has been enjoying having something to do on a Thursday. The thing that she enjoys about her work placement is being in a friendly environment.

Christine Rogers - Certificate II:

Horticulture, is working at Finger's Apple orchard in Launching Place and has been enjoying learning new skills.



Zach Lawton - Certificate II Winery Industry Operations, has been working with his dad and has been enjoying his work placement. The thing he most enjoys about his work placement is working with his dad.



Amy Holland - Certificate II: Community Services, is working at the Yarra Junction Op Shop and is enjoying making new friends at work and learning how donated clothes don't go to waste.



Taron Eastham - Certificate II: Horticulture, is working at Nutrien in Wandin North and has been enjoying the VCAL structure. The thing that he enjoys about his work placement is the pay.



Taya Kandybkyo (pictured) - Certificate II: Screen & Media, is working at UYSC library and has been enjoying learning new things at TAFE and in the library.



Jasmyn Hay - Certificate II: Winery Industry Operations, has no work placement yet and has been enjoying working outside for the TAFE course.



Year 10 Health and Physical Education



Students have been learning about different Net and Wall sports this term in PE. One of the Year 10 classes visited Lilydale Squash and Fitness Centre to try out and experience Racquetball and Squash.

Jessica White | Health & Physical Education



Outdoor Education - Duke of Edinburgh Award



On the 25th of February, the 9/10 Duke of Edinburgh class visited Wirrawilla Rainforest. We went on a 10km hike in the Toolangi area and used this time to work as a group and get to know each other more. The Wirrawilla walk was very interesting and it taught us about the local ferns and trees in the environment. We did this by completing challenges in groups, which helped us to learn about Toolangi in more detail.

The area was very calm and it was a perfect day for our class to visit. We all had fun.

Callum Richardson | Yr 9

Volleyball



The Year 9/10 students headed down to Dandenong to play some volleyball. Everyone loved being back playing interschool sports in a stadium against our local schools.

It was overall a really fun day. The students showed resilience and excellent sportsmanship throughout the entire day. Our boys A team had a very good day, only losing 1 game against Monbulk and coming 3rd overall. The boys B team lost 2 games and the girls team unfortunately didn't win a game all day but we definitely all had a great time.

The following students were recognised as our MVPs (Most Valuable Players) for the day. They showed outstanding volleyball skills, leadership and teamwork. Congratulations Jessie Bennet, Dylan Walker and Reyd Coshutt.

Hannah Darwall | Yr 9



Interschool Tennis



On Friday 12th of March, a group of seven Year 9 and 10 students participated in a day of interschool tennis at Lilydale Tennis Club.

Remmi Corbett, Isabelle Gough, Amelia Kuth, Porta Meredith, Tyson Reimnuth, Tyler Lewellen and Brett Grand-Court displayed our school values throughout the day. Always showing respect to their opponents during and after matches and resilience through persevering and not giving up in the hot weather conditions.

All of our students recorded wins throughout the day in either singles or doubles. Of particular note, Porta Meredith stepped up and helped our boys' team who were a player down and recorded a dominant 4-0 win over Lilydale Heights College's male player.

Congratulations to our girls who claimed 2nd place and our boys who placed 5th.

Michelle Palmer | Health & Physical Education





Sustainable Energy Sources

On Friday the 26th of February, Year 10 students were given the opportunity to attend an excursion to the Yarra Ranges Tech School in Lilydale.

On arrival, students were instructed to find a partner that they would like to work and cooperate with for the rest of the day in order to complete tasks. We spent our day on computers, watching videos and following steps to complete work. Some of this work included creating maps and graphs related to the weather, and creating a proposal for strategic places that would make great environments for a wind or solar farm. On breaks from our work, students roamed the lakeside campus and were given tutorials on how to work some of the many robots the school had to offer.

We all enjoyed ourselves, this was not just an excursion but a learning opportunity that we were lucky enough to be able participate in.

Ashlyn Hermansen | Yr10



Aviation



On Thursday 11th of March the Certificate III in Aviation class visited the Yarra Ranges Tech School to fine tune their flying skills. All students completed approximately an hour of flying. At the end of the day students observed a \$20,000 agricultural drone in action. It is called a DJI Agris and can carry 10 litres of water to spray weeds, deliver liquid fertiliser and sanitise large areas. It was a great day out.

Marcus Cook | Learning Specialist



1. What was challenging today?

It was more challenging to land at the tech school because it wasn't very flat compared to our area at the school.

2. What aspect of flying did you notice improvement?

I didn't notice many improvements because I am already a master pilot.

3. The most exciting aspect of the day was...?

It was very exciting to see the Agris. We also saw another drone that looked like it would be an attack drone.

Jarrod Van Straalen | Yr 10



1. What was challenging today?

The hill was difficult as it had a blind spot and you could see people walk into view.

2. What aspect of flying did you notice improvement?

I noticed that I could manage my speed better, but we were also flying near a beehive and we had to change to quieter blades.

3. The most exciting aspect of the day was...?

The Agris (Massive DJI Water Drone) was the most exciting part of the day.

Will Halsall | Yr 10



Junior Band



Year 7 students involved in the Instrumental Program have been attending a weekly lesson for about 4 weeks. On Monday, all students came together to participate in their first Junior Band practice. It was so great to have them all in one room! They are to be commended for turning up on time and bringing their books and instruments.

Kellie Woppard | Junior Band Leader

The Wellbeing Team: Erica Randall



I am a Social Worker and have just started this year in the Wellbeing team as the Mental Health Practitioner for Upper Yarra Secondary College. I feel lucky to be contributing to the Yarra Valley community that I have lived in for the last two decades.

Students can find me at The Hub on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 am to 4pm. The Hub is the building with the bright orange door near the Year 7 area.

My focus is on supporting students and families to stay on track with their mental health/wellbeing. This might mean having a one-off chat or, if needed, scheduling ongoing counselling sessions to work on strategies to make things better. Having good mental health helps all of us to feel positive about ourselves and others which, in turn, keeps us connected. The outcome is all about building resilience so that we can best learn and grow.

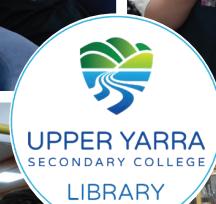
My journey to this role started when I was a secondary school teacher over 25 years ago. I quickly realised that education was just one part of the jigsaw puzzle for young people and this led me to returning to university to complete a social work degree. At the time, I was doing the classic juggling of study, family and work commitments! I then worked for eight years in the community supporting parents and children.

I am particularly excited to have now returned to working in a school because of my passion for young people and their wellbeing. I consider it a privilege to do the work that I do so please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Erica Randall | Mental Health Practitioner



A Fabulous First Term!





CHEFS OF THE WEEK



Urban Farming Excursions

Year 8 STEAM classes visited Yarra Ranges Tech School to explore a simulation around urban and smart farming practices. The classes competed for the most successful rooftop farm, then designed their own cafe/farms, including crops and menus. Students learnt about new and developing farming technologies, and how these are changing the way we produce food.

The classes that participated were 8C, 8D, 8E, and 8F. Next term they'll be going back to explore video game development and VR!

Claire Baillie | ICT Leader

On the excursion to the Yarra Valley Tech School, the educational activities were lots of fun. Our class was first shown aeroponic and aquaponic grown plants as well as some robots and a 3D food printer. The main activity for the day was a big simulated farm game. We got into small groups and had to grow a successful urban rooftop farm. As we researched our crops and found out what they needed, everyone had to decide what they were going to buy that would help all the fruit and veggies grow. Some examples of things we could buy were chickens, mulch, watering systems, bees, weed and pest removal, a robot arm, green houses and much more. The more money we earned the better quality item we could buy. While we were playing, the farms were projected onto a huge wall. By the end of the day we all had a fun time and learned about different ways to efficiently grow crops.

Anna Wilson | 8D

I had a lot of fun at Yarra Valley Tech School. We mostly created a farming app - there would be bad things happening, then you would pick different things you could do to the plants, and you had to try and make as much money as you could. It was great fun. I would go back for a day.

Kade Partel | 8D

UYSC Rain Gauge Update

Measurements taken from four different locations throughout the college for the first half of March:
136 ml of rain

Tyler Reid | Year 7

Steve Listopad | Chaplain, Wellbeing Team



Who's Who of the Class of 2021



Tahlia Bextream
Nickname: tbex

HOBBIES & INTERESTS:

- Basketball
- Picking on Jade Radford
- Camping
- Riding motorbikes with Jade Radford

WHAT SUBJECTS ARE YOU STUDYING THIS YEAR?

- Health and Human Development
- English
- Further Maths
- Product Design and Technology
- Biology

FAVOURITE SUBJECT:

Physical Education because it relates to the pathway that I want to take after school and I really enjoy sports so it is interesting and intrigues me when learning about how your body functions and works.

WHAT ARE THREE JOBS YOU COULD SEE YOURSELF DOING WHEN YOU LEAVE SCHOOL?

A physiotherapist, myotherapist or a trade.

WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU APPRECIATE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL?

Being given a leadership opportunity to broaden my knowledge on public speaking. I also value the sporting opportunities that are provided for the students, and lastly I value the relationships you can make with staff as everyone in the school is from a close-

knit community.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE SOMETHING ABOUT OUR SCHOOL WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Redo a whole new stadium and indoor basketball court.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD WE KNOW?

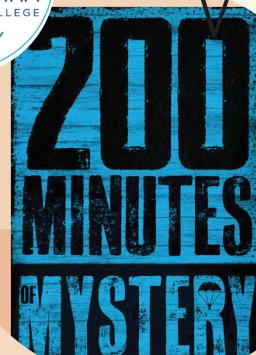
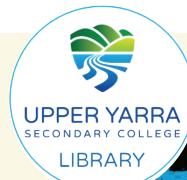
I give the best hugs and they're always free.

FAVOURITE INSPIRING QUOTE:

"Don't trust anyone but yourself."

WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR RIGHT NOW?

Jade Radford's family.



Intrigue and Terror!

10 death-defying short stories!

Kane's parachute fails during a skydive. Is someone trying to kill him?

Fang is investigated by secret police. Can she prove she isn't a traitor?

Omar is buried alive in a coffin. How will he escape?

10 stories.

10 mysterious situations.

10 brave kids.

20 minutes of clues!

What's new?

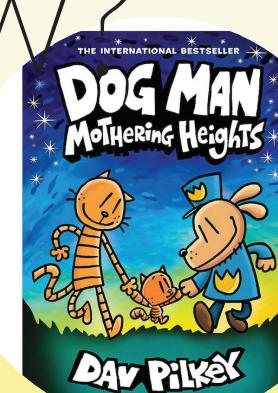
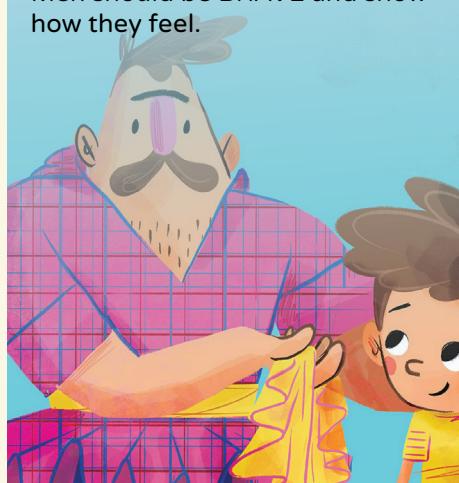


Empowering and funny!

Men should be STRONG with helping hands.

Men should FIGHT for what is right.

Men should be BRAVE and show how they feel.



Laugh out loud!

Dog Man and Petey face their biggest challenges yet in the tenth Dog Man book

#10



Dogman is down on his luck Petey confronts his not so purr-fect past and Grampa is up to no good.

Can the incredible power of love save the day?